Withdrawal of the Concessional Rate of Excise Duty on Diesel used by Trawlers

1163. SHRI YALLA SESIBHUSHANA RAO : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the sudden withdrawal of the concessional rate of excise duty on diesel used by trawlers has affected the deep sea fishing industry ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this sudden decision is not likely to discourage the entry of new entrepreneurs into this field; and

(c) whether Government propose to discuss the matter with the industry representatives and review its decision ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) Withdrawal of concessional rate of excise duty on diesel oil used by deep sea fishing vessels was announced by the Government in December, 1988. It is too early to say whether it has affected the deep sea fishing industry or it would discourage the entry of new entrepreneurs in the field.

Retrenchment of Mine Workers in Andhra Pradesh

1164. SHRI GOPALA RAO, RAO : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that many mine workers in Cuddapa district of Andhra Pradesh are on the verge of retrenchment as the mine owners have decided to close down their mining activities ;

(b) if so, the reasons for stopping the mining activties ; and

(c) the details of directives sent to the mine owners in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Rural Sanitation Programme in A. P.

1165. SHRI GOPALA RAO, RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount provided to Andhra Pradesh during the last two years, year-wise, for constructing 'Sulabh Shauchalaya' in the rural areas of the State under the Centrally Sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme ;

(b) the number of rural sanitary units constructed and the details of the villages covered during the above period ;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the funds for the rural santitation programme in Andhra Pradesh during 1989-90 ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) A sum of Rs. 32 lakhs in 1987-88 and Rs. 58 lakhs in 1988-89 was released to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh under Centrally Sponsored Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP).

(b) The number of rural sanitary units constructed and the number of villages taken up under CRSP are as under :